



## **Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System Area Prescribing Committee (APC)**

### Availability of Omnipod 5 Hybrid Closed Loop (HCL) Insulin Pump for Surrey Heartlands patients living with Type 1 diabetes.

The National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) are in the final stages of assessing the cost-effectiveness to the NHS of all the available HCL insulin pump systems and final guidance is expected to be published in December 2023.

It is expected that Integrated care Boards (previously called CCGs or Clinical Commissioning Groups) will be mandated to ensure that when the final guidance is published the recommended Hybrid Closed Loop systems are made available to all patients that meet the recommendations made. Timescales for implementation will be made clear when the final guidance is published.

The NICE committee agreed in June 2023 that HCL insulin pumps should be recommended for managing blood glucose levels in patients living with Type 1 diabetes and alongside the NICE review, NHS England are currently working with the companies to agree national commercial arrangements to support implementation. It is not yet known if the manufacturers of Omnipod 5 have come forward to take part in those negotiations with NHS England. The aim of these negotiations is to drive down the cost of the HCL insulin pumps and improve the affordability of using the HCLs for all patients living with Type 1 diabetes. This will ensure faster implementation of the guidance and equity.

ICBs have been advised to wait until the negotiations with NHS England have completed before agreeing to make Omnipod 5 available, so that it doesn't impact on the outputs of the negotiations.

At the Surrey Heartlands Integrated Care System Area Prescribing Committee (APC) on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023, it was agreed that this advice should be followed, and that the APC should wait for the NICE publication before making any decisions about Omnipod 5 availability for our patients.

In the meantime, if a patch pump is indicated, the Omnipod DASH insulin pump and the Dexcom 6 are available for use if a patient has a pump out of warranty or is a new patient that meets current NICE guidance for Insulin pumps and Continuous Glucose Monitoring.

Surrey Heartlands ICB will move to implement the guidance after publication in line with NICE implementation timescales and patients may then wish to switch from Omnipod DASH to Omnipod 5 HCL, if a HCL system is clinically indicated, if NICE recommend its use and if the patient meets the recommendations. The decision to switch should be a joint one between the patient and the diabetic team.

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